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SUBJ : REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF SEVEN FEDERAL COMMISSIONERS

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1. FMG ANNOUNCED MARCH 15 REMOVAL OF SEVEN FEDERAL COMMISSIONERS:

A. MAJOR GEN. IBRAHIM B.M. HARUNA, COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION;
RETIRED FROM ARMY WITH FULL BENEFITS (RFAWFB).

B. MAJ. GEN. OLUFEMI OLUTOYE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH AND SPORTS;
RFAWFB.

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C. MAJ. GEN. O.E. (JOHN) OBADA, WORKS; RFAWFB.

D. COMMANDER O.P. FINGESI, SPECIAL DUTIES (FESTAC); REDEPLOYED
TO NAVY.

E. A.E. EKUKINAM, FINANCE.

F. DR. M.T.O. AKOBO, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

G. EFFIOM OTU EKONG, MINES AND POWER.

2. MAJ. GEN. JAMES J. OLULEYE, SMC MEMBER, FORMERLY COMMISSIONER FOR ESTABLISHMENTS, BECOMES NEW COMMISSIONER FOR FINACE. HE IS REPLACED AT ESTABLISHMENTS BY DR. G.B. LETON, PREVIOUSLY SERVING AS RIVERS STATE COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH. OTHER NEW COMMISSIONERS, ALL CIVILIANS, ARE:

A. G.A. OGUNLADE, FORMER CHAIRMAN, WNBS, IBADAN, AND CHAIRMAN, ONDO STATE BROADCASTING SERVICES--INFORMATION.

B. MR. D. ISOKRARI--SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, YOUTH AND SPORTS.

C. MR. OBERU ARIBIAH, SOCIOLOGY LECTURER AT UNILAG,--WORKS.

D. DR. ONONIYI ADEWOYE, FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, OYO STATE--ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

E. ALHAJI KACHALLA BARKO--MINES AND POWER.

3. NEW COMMISSIONER FOR HEALTH, REPLACING ALHAJI KAFARU TINUBU WHO DEPARTED MARCH 1 (REFTEL) HAS ALSO BEEN NAMED. HE IS DR. PETER OGBANG, FORMERLY COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION, CROSS RIVER STATE.

4. //DAILY TIMES//MARCH 16 SAYS QTE: THE PREPONDERANCE OF CIVILIANS IN THE (NEW) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IS PROBABLY A DEMONSTRATION OF THE DESIRE OF THE MILITARY LEADERS TO INVOLVE
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MORE AND MORE CIVILIANS IN THE DAY-TO-DAY DECISION MAKING POLICIES OF GOVERNMENT, AS THE COUNTRY NEARS THE PROMISED TARGET FOR A RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE IN 1979...OBSERVERS WERE ALSO GEVERALLY AGREED THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT, COMING ON THE EVE OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1977-78, IS NOT LIKELY TO BRING ABOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT'S FISCAL POLICIES FOR THE NEW YEAR. UNQTE.

5. EMBASSY'S COMMENT FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL.
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